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In re Application of :
SUNADA, DWIGHT, et al. :
Application Serial No.: 09/580,022 : DECISION
Filed: May 26, 2000 : ON PETITION
For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FINDING**
THE LONGEST MATCHING PREFIX IN A
ROUTER

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed July 20, 2005.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to properly respond to the final Office action mailed on December 29, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 12, 2005.

Petitioner alleges to have timely filed a response in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). To support this position, Petitioner has included with the petition a copy of the RCE transmittal and a USPTO receipt that is date stamped February 7, 2005.

The original papers filed were not matched with the file and cannot be located. However, M.P.E.P. 503 states, A[a] postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the papers which are being filed serves as prima facie evidence of receipt in the PTO of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the PTO. Accordingly, it is concluded that the papers were timely filed in the Patent and Trademark Office but not matched with the application file. The fee submitted with the RCE has been credited to the application.

Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

The application will be forwarded to Technology Center's technical support staff for processing the RCE. From there, the file will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration in due course.

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